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Mr. Harry Early, Governor
Pueblo of Laguna
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Dear Governor Early:

You requested CERT to review Anaconda's revised reclamation plan. Please find attached a critique of the "Reclamation Plan, Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine, Anaconda Minerals Company, New Mexico Operations, March 1982."

The basic approach and objectives of the plan are satisfactory. However, numerous statements and assumptions are made that are not supported by adequate documentation or data. The first part (summary) of the attached document focuses on the major issues and concerns. We suggest the summary be utilized as a basis to begin our discussion in preparing for our meeting with Anaconda. The second part of the document consists of itemized comments pertaining to specific sections of the plan.

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We look forward to assisting the Laguna Tribe in apprising the company of the concerns relating to the reclamation of the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. The meeting hopefully will allow in-depth discussion of issues, will induce Anaconda to respond favorably to our inquiries, and result in a better understanding of the proposed plan by both parties.

Sincerely,

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